

Li-ki ("Ritual of Propriety") dates from the beginning of the Christian era. It is an elaborate text-book of correct conduct in all affairs of life. It is of universal application, except for details of the mode of life in China, and it shows the value of such a code and the use of the habits it inculcates. Chinese and Japanese are well-disciplined people in all the matters of conduct and social contact which are controlled by the mores.

From this point on it will be noticed that the codes to be mentioned are further removed from the sex mores.

491. Good manners. The Andamanese of all classes show great consideration for the very young, weak, aged, or helpless.¹ A white man gave liquor to a native man on the Chittagong hills. The latter insisted on giving some of it to the women first, but they required much urging before they would take it.² The Samoans have very polished manners. They had a court language.³ The Betsileo on Madagascar have a careful etiquette about the houses of their chiefs, about proper conduct in those houses, and about the utensils there; also words are reserved for chiefs which others may not utter.⁴ In East Africa any violation of etiquette towards a chief is summarily and severely punished, sometimes by death.⁵ Many an A-Sande has lost a finger or his life for an innocent word spoken to the wife of a chief.⁶ The Tunguses of Siberia have so much habitual politeness that Wrangell called them "the French of the tundra."⁷ The Yakuts think it bad manners to give a big piece of meat to a poor guest and a little piece to a rich one. Good breeding, according to their code, calls for the opposite conduct.⁸ A Fuegian husband, giving an order to his wife, out of courtesy tells her to give the order to

some one else, although there is no one else.⁹
 Amongst North
 American Indians the modes of sitting or squatting
 for each sex
 are strictly prescribed.¹⁰ Sapper says of the Central
 American
 Indians that when the white man asks a question
 he often gets

1 JAI, XII, 93. 6 junker, Afr[^]
 II, 481.

² Levin, *Races of S.E. India*, 311. ⁷ Hiekisch, *Tungusen*, 68.

⁸ *Austral. Assoc. Adv.* «5a,, 1892, 630. ⁸ Sieroshevski,
Yakuty, (russ.), I, 440.

* JAI, XXI, 223. ⁹ *Scribner's Mag.*, February,
 1895.

6 *Ibid.*, XXII, 119. 10 *Globts*, LXXIII, 253.